

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as indicated below:

1. (Presently amended) A digging tool comprising:

an elongate body portion;

a handle portion attached at one end of the body portion;

an applicator portion attached to the other end of said body portion,

said applicator portion being sized and shaped for insertion under soil and forming an elongate opening in said soil by lateral movement of said handle portion, said applicator portion defining at least one fluid outlet;

a fluid inlet, said fluid inlet being in fluid communication with said applicator portion, such that fluid applied under pressure to said inlet is dispensed from said fluid outlet;

said applicator portion having a wedge-shaped tip portion for cutting sod and penetrating soil and wherein said fluid outlet is disposed adjacent said tip portion.

2. (Original) The tool of Claim 1 further comprising a valve interposed between said fluid inlet and said fluid outlet for selectively dispensing fluid from said fluid outlet.

3. (Original) The tool of Claim 1, wherein said fluid inlet is connected to said tool adjacent said handle portion.

4. (Original) The tool of Claim 1, wherein said valve is connected to said tool adjacent said handle portion.

5. (Original) The tool of Claim 1, wherein said body portion is hollow so that fluid can flow therethrough.

6. (Previously presented) The tool of Claim 1, wherein said applicator portion is at least partially hollow so that fluid can flow therethrough.

7. (Deleted).

8. (Previously presented) The tool of Claim 1, wherein said applicator portion defines a plurality of fluid nozzles disposed in a fan-shape.

9. (Previously presented) The tool of Claim 1, wherein said applicator portion defines a plurality of fluid nozzles that dispense said fluid in a stream.

10. (Previously presented) The tool of Claim 1, wherein said applicator portion houses a plurality of fluid dispensing prongs.

11-24. (Deleted).